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Dear [redacted]

I have your address from Thomas Polgar, whom I saw in [redacted] October.

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For Simon & Schuster, I am writing a major non-fiction account of the last two months of the war in Vietnam. I say 'major' both because it will be long and because my editors and I hope that it will reach an audience much larger than that group of us with a special interest in the war.

My book is going to be very different from Frank Shepp's, in ways that I will be happy to elaborate on if, as I hope, we can meet.

Do you ever get to Washington? I hope so, because it is exceedingly unlikely that I will be able to travel to Boulder between now and the end of April, my self-imposed deadline.

I've been working full-time on the book for about 18 months. Many interviews--here, in California and in Europe. As it happens, I've spent considerably more time with Ambassador Martin than with Mr. Polgar.

I'm already writing those parts of the mosaic about which I am confident. But there certainly is room for additional input. I do hope that you will be coming to Washington some time in the next few months. And even if not, I'd appreciate a letter or a call here. I have the strong impression that you can give me some background guidance that might be very useful.

Much better if we could meet, but of course that is a function of your travel plans, and willingness to talk.

One way or the other, I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

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